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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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## Week of 19 April 2004

## **SUSPENSION CALENDAR**

1) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility" (H.R. 4037).



This bill neither increases direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – nor reduces revenue.

2) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the "General John J. Pershing Post Office" (H.R. 3855).



This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

3) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 3751 West 6th Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office" (H.R. 1822). This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.



4) A Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 91st Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America (S.Con.Res. 97).



This resolution has no budget implications.

5) Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004 (H.R. 3970). This bill authorizes, subject to appropriations, \$84 million for fiscal years 2005-07 for chemistry and chemical engineering research aimed at reducing or eliminating the use and production

of hazardous substances. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

6) Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004 (H.R. 4030).



This bill establishes a congressional medal to be awarded to private entities that have made significant contributions to improving the achievements of elementary or secondary students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Amounts authorized under this bill would be subject to appropriations, and therefore the bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

7) To Designate the Federal Building Located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building" (H.R. 3713).



This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

8) To Designate the Federal Building Located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building" (H.R. 3147).



This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.

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9) To Address the Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (H.R. 4019). This bill requires the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2004. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

10) Guardsmen and Reservists Financial Relief Act of 2003 (H.R. 1779). This bill allows military reservists and national guardsmen to make penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during periods of extended active duty. Although no estimate has been prepared by either the Congressional Budget Office or the Joint Committee on Taxation, the bill is not expected to affect direct spending. Any effect on revenue is expected to be insignificant, and not likely to cause the level of revenue to be reduced below the revenue floor provided for in the budget resolution.

## **LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE**

Continuity in Representation Act of 2003 (H.R. 2844). Bill:

Committee: Judiciary

**Summary:** The bill provides a means of filling, through elections, exceptionally large vacancies in the

> House of Representatives that may occur under extraordinary circumstances. The bill provides that, if the Speaker of the House announces vacancies exceeding 100 due to extraordinary circumstances, the affected States must hold special elections to fill those

vacancies within 45 days.

Cost: This bill would have no significant impact on the Federal budget.

**Budget Act:** The bill does not violate any provisions of the Congressional Budget Act.

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